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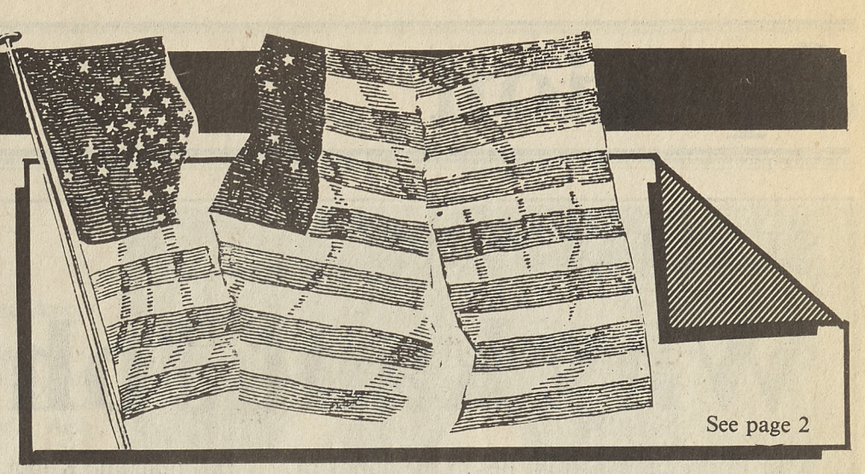

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No resolution reached in catalog debate

Misprinted issues still being sold

By JOE DON LEWIS
Staff Writer

Despite the protest of Speech Communications/Broadcasting Department Chairman Jack Sterk, misprinted 1989-90 class catalogs continue to be sold at the Valley College bookstore without warning.

At a department head council meeting last week, Sterk recommended that the catalog sales at the student store be discontinued until corrections via an addendum could be made.

The catalog contains numerous errors, largely in the requirements needed for majors and certificates of some departments. Engineering, speech and computer science departments have reported mistakes in the catalog.

Angelo "Val" Villa, dean of academic affairs, was unavailable for comment because he is on vacation. Before leaving, he said there were plans to release an addendum to the catalog as soon as possible but could not specify the exact date.

Villa said he plans to avoid similar problems in the future by distributing sample catalogs to department chairpersons for review and corrections before printing. "We know where the process fell down," Villa said.

Villa said he was aware of the proposal for a new catalog before the end of the year to alleviate the confusion over the 1989-90 catalog but would not give the idea his endorsement.

William Lavoie, professor of engineering, maintains his concern over the addendum being added to the catalog. Lavoie believes the students will still have difficulty in deciphering the catalog correctly. He suggests that a catalog should be printed encompassing both 1989-90 and 1990-91.

Robert Sprague, acting vice president of academic affairs, who is in charge of the catalog debacle until Villa's return from vacation, is amassing information from department chairpersons concerning the errors.

Before leaving, Villa sent copies to all chairpersons requesting them to correct their sections in the catalog and submit them back to the office of instruction. As of Wednesday, the day the corrected copies were to be returned, only the engineering and computer science departments had complied.

Sprague said other corrections will be accepted for the addendum despite the passed deadline.

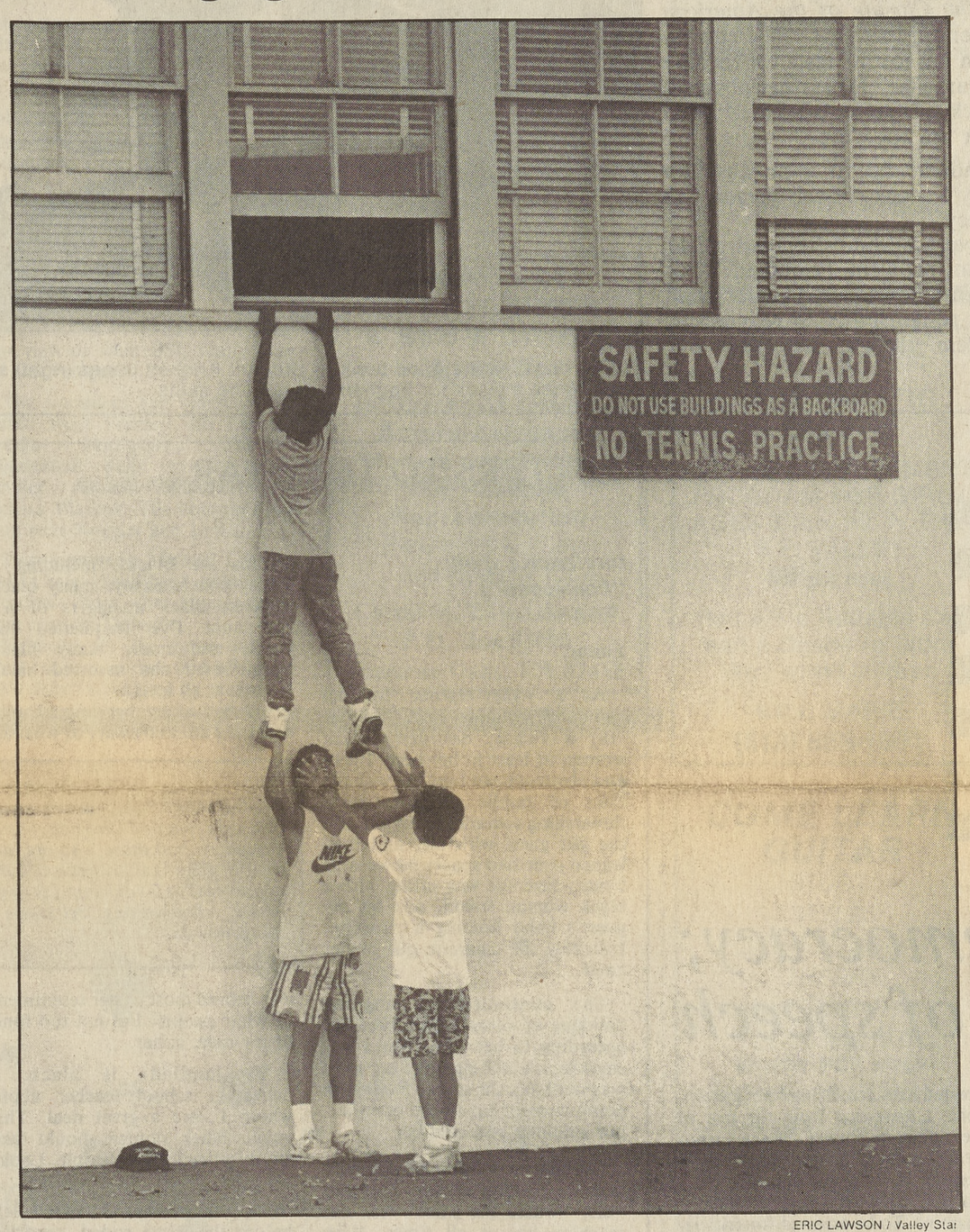
Neither the Counseling Office nor the Office of Student Affairs have experienced any problems with student complaints over the catalog.

The Counseling Office is informing students of the misprints as they appear for counseling services. No attempt has been made or considered to check student enrollment for possible confusion in courses; the office is relying on students to verify their classes.

"The catalog is a legal contract between the school and the student," said Sterk. "How can you continue to sell a contract when you know it is incorrect?"

Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administration, is looking into the problem of continued sales of erroneous catalogs at the Student Store.

Just hanging out...



ERIC LAWSON / Valley Star

Late to class or leaving early? — Youths outside of the Community Center Bungalow appear to be helping a friend circumvent the traditional means of entering (or could it be exiting?) a building for reasons unknown.

ASU declares first ballot void

Second Homecoming contest draws 155 additional voters

By CATHERINE THADEN
Staff Writer

Mike Lewis was crowned this year's Homecoming King and Aarika Frazier crowned Queen in hastily arranged balloting held to make up for an invalidated election.

Ballots cast for king and queen on Oct. 5 were thrown out by the Associated Student Union because of allegations the polls were not being closely watched.

The second election, held the next morning, received far better attendance than the first. Friday's turnout was 170, according to ASU President Lisa Walker. ASU Commissioner of Elections William Koegler confirmed that 15 people voted Thursday.

Charges were made by Sandra Mendenhall, one of the Homecoming Queen nominees, that Thursday's polls were left unattended, said Dr. Gloria Miranda, assistant dean of student affairs.

Mendenhall was not available for comment.

"It was easier to invalidate the election and leave no questions in anyone's mind," said Walker.

Koegler said Mendenhall made the allegations without realizing Walker, whom Mendenhall did not know, was watching the ballot box.

Koegler, who was a nominee for king, said the 15-voter turn-out in the first election was so poor the results would have been meaningless. "There were so few votes, it was ridiculous," he said. Koegler said both he and Lewis received five votes in the first election, but "it would have been a joke to declare a tie between Mike and me. I

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Anti-abortion group holds candlelight vigil

By KATHY CROUCH
Editor in Chief

Two weeks ago, 25-year-old Ruth Reynaga, pregnant, was planning to have an abortion. Reynaga, who speaks few words of English, was living alone in Panorama City, far away from any of her relatives in her homeland of Peru.

But after a member of the Pregnancy Counseling Center made a phone call to Angela Ruiz, a member of the San Fernando Valley chapter of "Operation Rescue," an anti-abortion organization, Reynaga's plans took a sharp turn. Ruiz, herself a single mother, took Reynaga into her home, offering warm meals and a safe environment where Reynaga could reconsider her options.

Two nights ago, Reynaga and Ruiz joined several dozen members and supporters of Operation Rescue, which held a candlelight vigil in front of "Clinica Mujer Moderna" (Modern Woman Clinic) on Van Nuys Boulevard near Vanowen Street in Van Nuys.

The picketeers, a wide mixture of men and women, young and old, virile and wheelchair bound, chose the evening because the clinic, which performs abortions primarily for Spanish women, normally stays

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Campus friends honor Nakamaejo with tribute

By CATHERINE GUNN
News Editor

Valley College employees are saddened by the recent news Leslie Nakamaejo, receiving department clerk, has left his post of 20 years because of critical illness.

Nakamaejo has taken a leave of absence from the Receiving department and is convalescing at his parents' house. He has returned several times to Valley since his departure.

One disheartened co-worker is Frank Sinsheimer, professor of health science, who has known Nakamaejo for 15 years and watched him smoke during the times they interacted.

Always in the back of Sinsheimer's mind was the expectation "anyone who smokes three packs a day [as Nakamaejo did] will have health problems."

Memories of Nakamaejo's friendliness and warmth remain despite his absense.

"He affected a number of people on campus," said Sinsheimer. "It was always a pleasure to see his smiling face."

Because "in friendship, the education doesn't matter," Nakamaejo will be missed by LAVC employees of every job classification.

Nakamaejo, a bachelor, lived across the street from the school. Valley was his "social world," said a co-worker in Receiving, who asked to remain anonymous.

Nakamaejo left work three weeks ago. The same day he went to the doctor to see about his rasping and coughing, he was admitted into the hospital. The man who had gained a reputation as "forever doing something for other people" was never to return.

Professors remember Nakamaejo as an integral part of their teaching experience. "Les has been here to greet us when we returned from our summer vacation," said Roger Graham, professor of journalism. "He was one of the key people without whom the college could not function."

Employees of Instructional Media Services wanted to present Nakamaejo with a tribute from the college community and came up with the idea of a full page ad in the campus newspaper.

In three working days, Don Kerian, media distribution clerk, collected more than $700 in various amounts from 243 employees.

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DORA ROMAN / Valley Star

Indispensible — Leslie Nakamaejo, receiving department clerk, needs no further proof of his importance to many friends and associates at Valley College who wish him well.

STAR EDITORIAL

Why kant Johnny reed, wright or spel?

Our future, as a nation, lies in the hands of our youth, just as it always has. However, at this particular time, we are faced with a major problem equally as severe as drugs.

According to the Information Resource Center of the Los Angeles Public Library, the *New York Times* reports that five percent of America's young adults are illiterate, and a shocking 20 percent are semi-literate. The worst part of it all is that both groups completed the eighth grade.

A youngster is at least 13 when he or she leaves the eighth grade. Those interested enough in a student's educational progress at that age, including teachers, counselors, parents and the student realize there is a literacy problem.

It would, therefore, seem a conspiracy of many to appear blind and deaf to this sad and potentially crippling problem that affects millions of Americans. One reason for this apparent apathy may be a feeling of failure and an inability to see a cure.

As with all disease, preventive measures are the key to excellent health. Presently, the quality of our educational system is lacking in many respects, most notably at the grade school level. It is there that habits are initially learned and attitudes towards education are instilled, at school and most importantly, at home.

In Japan and Korea, where education is held in very high esteem, parents take a serious interest in their children's schooling and participate in constant interactive communications with teachers.

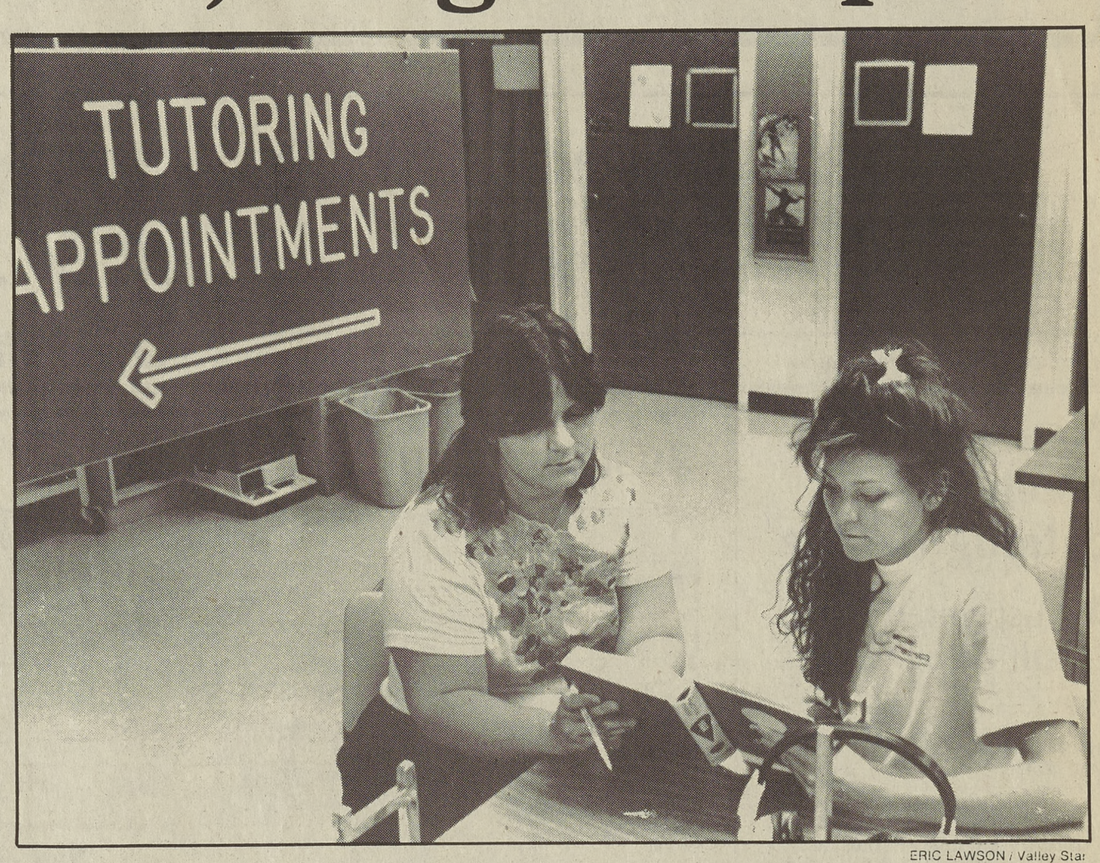
There is so much information for our youngsters to learn that the job of teaching is becoming more difficult and not always monetarily rewarding as that of other fields.

With a lack of funds for extra-curricular tutoring, time becomes short, classes are more crowded and personal attention to individual students is decreased. We must seek out quality teachers and quality assistants for our teachers.

In his book *The Closing of the American Mind,* Allen Bloom argues that "The current college generation has lost its taste for reading and intellectual pursuits." He further observes that students "lack curiousity" and are "missing the search for the good life."

Reading is fundamental. It is an absolute necessity in today's society. Each person has the right to literacy.

Those who have the ability to read might say, "This is not my problem; I can read." But in reality, we are all affected by illiteracy and everyone has the responsiblity to reduce this staggering problem that is affecting our nation.



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Sitting down with a good book — Student Krickett Jones (right) sees full-time tutor Debra Hill two to three times a week for English and reading skills.

Flag just a symbol of democracy; we can't torch freedom of speech

Editor's Note:

This opinion column was written before the U.S. Senate passed its' bill banning flag burning, reported in the L.A. Times *article, "Senate Passes Bill Banning Flag Burning," on October 5.*

By JEFF NELSON
Staff Writer

"Burn your flag, whatever it may be." This statement caught my eye in the pages of a radical rock and roll rag and I can't stop thinking about it.

"Burn your flag" contradicts everything I have been told to think on the evening news. Only some sort of un-American misfit would set fire to Old Glory, the brave banner unfurled everywhere from Fort Sumter to the moon. What about Betsy Ross, and Iwo Jima, and last year's fourth of July parade down Main street in my home town? Don't these things mean anything anymore?

Of course there should be a bill banning the burning of the flag; similar to the one passed by the House of Representatives on September 12. Or better yet, a Constitutional Amendment like the one President Bush wants. That will protect our flag. What's wrong with the Supreme Court anyway? I thought they were conservatives!

But wait. There's something funny about this whole thing. Let's say I'm mad at Uncle Sam because he wants to ban the sale of CD players due to his determination that the proliferation of high technology is corrupting the social fabric of the nation. And just after I bought that burl wood wall-mounted CD storage rack.

I realize if I hold a demonstration where I burn an American flag to communicate to people in a dramatic and unforgettable way that I'm mad at my government, enough people might see my point and work to bring about a change in the above mentioned CD bill.

So I do, but then I'm arrested for breaking the law against flag burning.

What really happened was I was arrested for criticizing the government. I dissented from the rest of the people who were *pro-antitechnology*, people who are still listening to LPs anyway, and so I was punished. And here, friends, is the point. To be arrested for criticizing the government is (all together now) *un-American*!

What President Bush and our vote-sensitive Congress have done is confuse us into thinking that the dissenters are the bad guys. In trying so hard to appear patriotic and all-American, they have actually proposed to dismember the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

A symbol is only a symbol. A flag cannot replace democracy any more than the Statue of Liberty replaces freedom. Once we start believing in the symbols of the state rather than in the principles of the state we might as well throw out the whole experiment.

We don't have to agree with those who dissent among us, but we should always embrace their right to disagree even if a few symbols get trashed here and there in the process. Patriotic debate is the lifeblood of a true democracy.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

Intolerance spoils "homecoming"

Editor,

At a Valley-Harbor football game earlier this evening, (October 7th) a vulgar, disorderly black woman at least in her early fifties and obviously not familiar with the rules of public conduct, made threatening remarks to myself and the girl guest with me, and then leaned over two spaces between us from where she was sitting with a black woman friend, and hit my guest's hand holding a cigarette, knocking the cigarette out of her hand.

She continued an ongoing dialogue of verbal abuse because, according to her, the cigar I was smoking and the cigarette my guest was smoking, the smoke from both going straight up in the open air, our smoking bothered her.

She had set up this ugly confrontation by waving a paper plate for "air," where the smoke was not reaching her at all times. With changing wind currents some of it was floating about. In an open stadium we couldn't help it.

Two crimes were committed, the verbal abuse, being assault, and the striking this girl, being battery.

Sitting behind this woman was her announced son, who slid down next to my guest in a menacing manner and set up a dialogue of threats. He was wearing an Oklahoma T-shirt under his jacket.

It was hardly a climate of interracial "brotherhood," and far, far from the classiest conversation we've had with black people of quality.

Adding to her other insults, she made the remark to me that "I suppose you will say that some of my best friends are blacks." As a matter of fact, some of my best friends *are* blacks, including a Valley coach, many, many black athletes, black managers of a resturaunt I've frequented for years, and many many black businessmen and assorted black women at all levels.

I didn't arrest her immediately because I am well aware of what all was behind most of her resentment of white people. I'm not too fond of my race, either.

My landlady is black, a delightful school teacher about whom I care a great deal. This vulgar black woman should take an objective look at people. Looks tell a lot.

So, my guest and myself left before the game ended, reported the incident to two campus security officers and left the campus stadium area, never to return to any event at Valley.

The way for this black woman and her friend to get along in the world is to be careful whom they insult, and engrave in their foreheads that manners will take you where money won't.

This sort of social misbehavior is increasingly common among trash of all races, and I would like to add that I am far, far from being pleased with the misconduct of my own white race.

The offender didn't show up near us until the second half of the game. It all but spoiled the "homecoming" for my guest and myself. I've not been to but two games in the past years because of rodeos and drawing which have taken up my time.

My wife graduated from Valley and it has always had a special place in my heart, and my guest is a former student at Valley.

I hope you will print this letter and its message which should provoke some serious thought about image-bashing perpetrated by far too many people of all races, creeds and colors, and alert the responsible at Valley College to a growing menace from campus visitors.

Carl Mote Jr.

The Exxon Valdez disaster, the continuing destruction of the tropical rain forests, the appearance of an "ozone hole" over Antarctica, acid rain and Chernobyl have focused the critical attention of the populace upon those who are in control of our environment and our destiny. The Star *will run a public forum addressing these issues in two weeks, and your input is greatly welcomed. Please send any comments, observations, criticisms and opinions to the Valley Star, Bungalow 25.*

Daughter's opinion defended

Editor,

In response to Jacqueline Coulson's letter (Sept. 29, *Valley Star,*) I submit the following observations.

Ms. Moss has the right to resent the fireman that couldn't remember the family name, his insistance that the mother stay out of the way while the father was allowed everywhere, and that he only looked for a male when he wished to speak to the property owner.

Several firemen standing around showed no concern as my husband coughed and gagged from smoke inhalation.

Where did Ms. Moss show her "immature, stupid, selfish nature, as she called 911, moved several family cars, and made sure her sister and the dogs were safe?

Jude M. Moss

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open until 10 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The affair remained low-key for the duration of the evening. No confrontations erupted between demonstrators and patients or staff at the clinic.

"They have the right to picket," a staff member of the clinic said. The woman did not want to reveal her name, but was impressed with the "peaceful" nature of the protest.

The group represented "citizens of the San Fernando Valley," according to Laura Gillen, media representative for Operation Rescue, who was also present Tuesday, carrying a styrofoam coffee cup that housed the flickering candle as she spoke. Gillen, 30, works in the media facility for a "major motion picture studio" in Burbank, but didn't want to involve her employer with the rally.

Gillen, who described herself as a feminist in her "college days," was quick to address the pro-choice faction, which primarily asserts a woman's right to make choices about her own body.

"Number one, it's not (just) her body," Gillen said. "A baby has its own blood type and DNA structure. They say that a fetus could not survive on its' own outside of the uterus, but a one week old infant could not survive by itself if left sitting on a living room couch. Babies need their mothers."

"Secondly, she (any woman) didn't get pregnant by herself. There are husbands and boyfriends involved, who usually have little say in the matter," she continued.

Gillen pointed to legal impositions made upon women in the areas of prostitution, suicide, and other forms of physical, bodily expression, including abortion. "Our rights are corralled for society's good, but death is not the answer."

She stressed that pregnant women be given options to abortion. "We want to let Valley residents know they have a choice," she said. "They do not have to kill their babies. There are options: adoption, homes for unwed mothers, but especially, time. We want them to know they have time to make a decision."

Ruiz is also an option. In addition to the home she has provided for Reynaga, she has invited many homeless, pregnant women into her home over the past eight years. "I'm a single mom," she said, "so I can relate. I know the desperation, the pain. It is important to have someone who cares. Love is so important."

Karen Spoolstra, 24, and her six-month-old daughter Cynthia, are currently living with Ruiz, and were also present at Tuesday's vigil.

Originally from Grand Rapids, Mich., Spoolstra moved to California at 17 with her boyfriend of the time. Since that time she had her first child, three-year-old Michael Christopher, and gave birth to Cynthia early this year. Spoolstra is optimistic. "I plan to get a job and move out on my own soon," she said.

Gillen conceded that even for those women who go on to complete their pregnancies and keep their children, it can be difficult. "We don't paint a pretty picture. It's tough in the first year, but they can still get help."

DAVID ANDREWS / Valley Star

Making a statement — Karen Spoolstra holds six-month-old daughter, Cynthia, at Tuesday night's anti-abortion rally.

Nakamaejo...

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"There would have been more if there had been time," said Kerian.

Sunday Lila Chan, graphic artist, brought the ad to Nakamaejo. "He was very happy to see it," she said.

According to the source in Receiving, Nakamaejo's spirits were uplifted by the tribute, which said, "We love you, Les," and by the tremendous response in the form of visitors and flowers and balloons that graced Nakamaejo's room in the hospital.

Nakamaejo, who aided faculty by bringing supplies and all types of equipment, gave "excellent service as fast as humanly possible," said Dr. Shannon Stack, IMS supervisor. "I never knew him to say 'no,' no matter what goofy thing was asked of him. He ran himself ragged."

In a characteristic display of generosity, Nakamaejo, when visiting friends at Valley last week, brought candy and flowers for his many supporters.

Homecoming...

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wouldn't have gotten any satisfaction out of that."

When the election took place the next day at a scheduled pep rally, the Black Student Union provided most of the school spirit for the event. "We cannot deny that the club did play an important role in the elections," said Miranda.

Miranda estimated 60 people showed up for the rally. Walker estimated 100 people were in attendance.

In response to allegations the BSU controlled the elections, Miranda said: "I get the feeling that this has racial undertones, and whoever thinks that has a very narrow view of what BSU really does for this campus."

The nominees for Homecoming Queen were Frazier, Jill Lackey, Stella Marquez, Sandra Mendenhall, Kelly Perkins, Laura Schuler, Ashanti Shumpert and Melissa Waskey. The nominees for King were Koegler and Lewis.

Two nominees, Michael Lechner and Craig Schilling, voluntarily withdrew from the Homecoming King race on Thursday.

Publicity for the game did not work out as intended, said Miranda. "We didn't have time to prepare."

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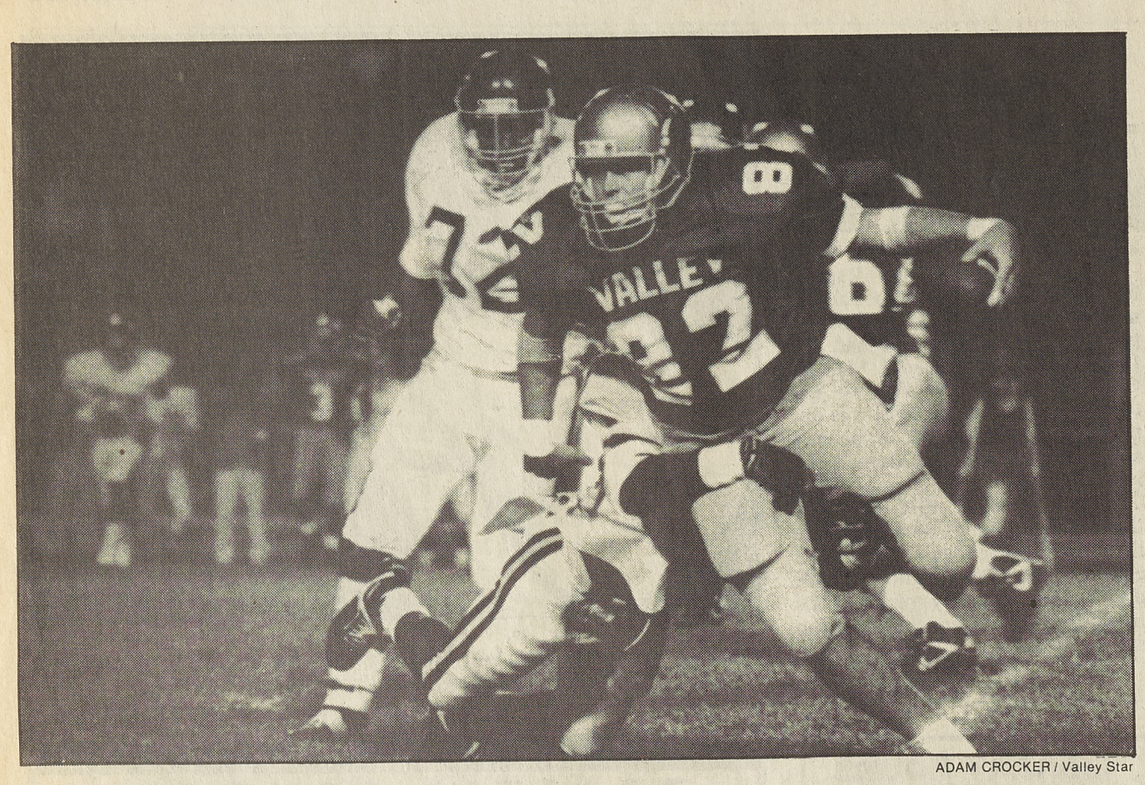

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Looking for daylight — Monarch tight end James Foreman runs for yardage in their 22-0 victory.

Valley beaches Harbor

By ERIC BURNS
Staff Writer

Having lost their first three games of the season, the Monarch football team needed a lift to boost team morale.

Valley responded by defeating the L.A. Harbor Seahawks on Homecoming night, 22-0.

The Monarchs will try for their second victory in a row when they host powerhouse Ventura (4-0) Saturday night. Game time is at 7:30 p.m.

The running game, which has not been a factor as of late, finally experienced some success despite not having starting freshman tailback James Keyes in the lineup due to a groin injury

Tailback Allen Moore proved to be a good replacement for Keyes as he carried the ball 31 times for 172 yards, including 21 carries for 108 yards in the first half alone.

Complementing Moore's heroics in the first half was sophomore running back LaMonte Simmons, who rushed for 58 yards on only 6 carries, scoring a touchdown.

Later in the second half, running back Donald Dozier took center stage by running ten times for 53 yards and a touchdown.

All told, the victorious Monarchs rushed for 378 yards on the ground, doing exactly what Head Coach Chuck Ferrero wanted to accomplish: running the ball consistently in all four quarters.

"The key to this ball game was enthusiasm going into the game," said Ferrero. "We needed to get back to basics. That meant running plays over and over again."

"Valley has always had a running philosophy over the years, so with the young players that we have, rushing had to be reestablished with our ballclub," said Ferrero.

On Valley's opening drive, nine consecutive running plays were used, capped off by a 12-yard scamper by Simmons to jump on top, using 3:56 off the clock.

The ensuing drive by the Seahawks ended with a high snap that sailed over punter Jose Rocha's head.

After a scramble for the loose ball, Valley's Kevin Carmichael recovered in the end zone for the touchdown.

A two-point conversion by Simmons made the score 15-0 in the first quarter.

The Monarch defense played a key role as well, forcing three turnovers, two of them interceptions by defensive back Sam Edwards in the third quarter. His first pickoff set up Dozier's 3-yard touchdown run, concluding the scoring.

Water polo round-up

Monarchs face No. 1 Cuesta

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The Monarch water polo team, coming off a 15-10 victory against a good Ventura College team, will gear up to play the top-ranked team in the state, Cuesta College, Friday at 3:30 p.m. at home.

Cuesta and Valley are currently 2-0 in conference play. Friday's game could play a pivotal role in determining the Western State Conference championship.

"They are big physically, with a lot of guys around 6' 4", and they will try to manhandle us." said water polo coach Bill Krauss. "They are a lot better than us as well but you never know when you can get an upset.

"We'll definitely be up for it and we'll be intense."

Tuesday, the Monarchs, 10-7 overall, will go into Pierce College to play for the bragging rights to the San Fernando Valley.

"This year, we're a lot better than Pierce but it's still an important game since we have to recruit against these guys every year," said Krauss.

In the game against Ventura, the Monarchs got good play from the goalies Angelo Solitco who had 10 saves, and backup Kurt Gilsenan en route to their victory.

The team, however, did not fare so well in Saturday's Citrus College tournament as a white-hot sun and bad execution took its toll.

Playing in 90 degree-plus weather, the Monarchs lost all three of their matches.

However, Krauss didn't use the weather as an excuse for the team's poor play.

"Sloppy defense and bad passing hurt us all day," said Krauss.

The first game of the triple-header came against Chaffey College.

Monarch Lawrence Ocon had five goals and Angelo Solitco had 12 saves in a losing 16-14 effort.

The Monarchs showed some life in the second game against Cypress College.

Cypress, rated fourth in Southern California, had all they could handle against Valley, but squeaked out a win, 15-10.

"We had some bad breaks, and the whistle just did not blow our way all day," said forward Gill Negrette.

In the Monarchs' final game of the afternoon, they were seemingly matched up evenly against Citrus, both teams playing excellent defense in the first quarter.

However, after Citrus took a 3-0 lead, bad Monarch passing and a porous defense opened the door and allowed Citrus to take control as they won, 16-8.

For the tournament, Ocon led all Monarch scorers with eight goals and Solitco had 17 saves.

"We had a disapointing tournament, but these were all non-conference games and we are still in the hunt for the conference championship," said Krauss.

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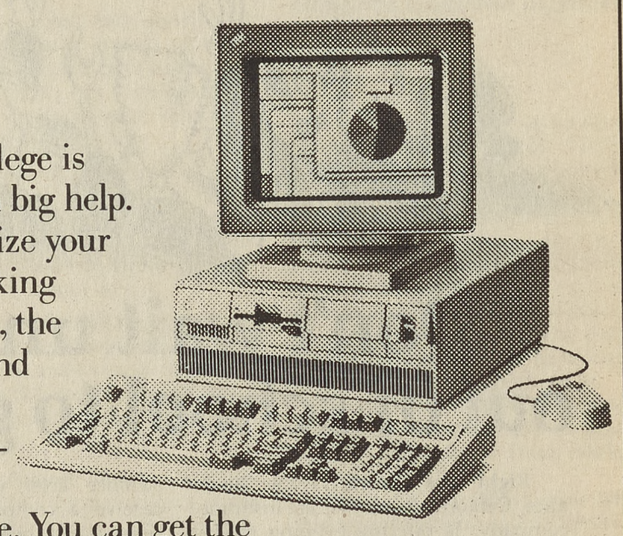

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